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What is claimed is:

1. A device for securing apparel to protective equipment comprising:  
an apparel attachment member defining a first side and a second side, the first side having an adhesive coating for securing the attachment member to the protective equipment, and the second side having a plurality of hooks for removably securing the apparel attachment member to a plurality of loops formed in the apparel, the apparel attachment member defining a shape that substantially conforms to the protective equipment.

2. The device of claim 1 wherein the protective equipment is selected from the group consisting of shoulder pads, rib pads, and back pads.

3. The device of claim 1 wherein the apparel is an athletic jersey.

4. The device of claim <sup>3</sup>~~4~~ wherein the athletic ~~jersey~~ has a brushed surface.

5. The device of claim 1 wherein the adhesive coating is an acrylic adhesive.

6. A method of securing apparel to protective equipment comprising the steps of:  
providing an apparel attachment member defining a first side and a second side, the first side having an adhesive coating, and the second side having a plurality of hooks,  
securing the apparel attachment member to the protective equipment by positioning the first side of the apparel attachment member in contact with the protective equipment, and  
positioning the apparel in contact with the plurality of hooks on the second side of the apparel attachment member.

7. The method of claim 6 further comprising the step of sanding the surface of the apparel to thereby create a brushed surface having a plurality of loops.

8. The method of claim 6 wherein the protective equipment is selected from

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the group consisting of shoulder pads, rib pads, and back pads.

9. The method of claim 6 wherein the apparel is an athletic jersey.

10. A device for securing apparel to protective equipment comprising:

an apparel attachment member secured to the protective equipment, the apparel attachment member including a plurality of hooks for removably securing the apparel attachment member to a plurality of loops formed in the apparel, the apparel attachment member defining a shape that conforms to the protective equipment.

11. The device of claim 10 wherein the protective equipment is selected from the group consisting of shoulder pads, rib pads, and back pads.

12. The device of claim 10 wherein the apparel is an athletic jersey.

13. The device of claim 10 wherein the apparel attachment member includes an adhesive coating for securing the apparel attachment member to the protective equipment.

14. The device of claim 12 wherein the athletic jersey has a brushed surface.

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